

CYCLES OF LIFE AND DEATH

Interesting Speculation Concerning Possible Composition of Corporeal Atoms of the Body.

Did you know that perhaps somewhere in your body is a bit of Julius Caesar, or perhaps King Solomon. John Phil, scientist, in his "Seven Follies of Science," says: "From birth to death we have been continually borrowing, continually paying back. Part of our physical organization may have come from the fruit of the tropics, part from the mosses of the frozen North. We may hold in our bone, muscles and brains materials which once formed parts of sheep, wolves, and in all the millions of years during which composition and decomposition of organic matter has gone on, it is quite probable that some portion of our physical system may have formed part of the material organization of thousands of other animals, men included. The imbecile may have in his body atoms which once formed part of Homer, of Plato and of Archimedes. In the frame of the beggar may be built material which once formed part of Solomon, and some atoms which enabled Alexander or Bruce to achieve their fame, may now form part of the body of a leper. Even among the corporeal atoms which now make up our own bodies may be particles which helped to incarnate the person of Jesus Christ, or which lent physical energy to the burning eloquence of St. Paul. Organic life has gone on unceasingly for untold ages in ever-recurring cycles. We cannot move a muscle, or give way to an emotion, or even think a thought without burning up some part of our corporeal frame, and the used-up material is speedily ejected and then transformed into the clothing of a new life."

NO OLD MAIDS IN BABYLON

Ancient City Had a System Which Assured the Marriage of All the Females.

The first known auctions of the world were held in Babylon many centuries before Christ. The articles auctioned consisted of all the virgins in the city, and the sale was held once a year. On the day selected the girls were brought to the market place and there ordered to remove their garments. All the young men of the city were also gathered and the maidens, one by one, were led to a block where the youth of the city could inspect them. The beautiful girls were sold first and every effort made to get as much as possible for their charms.

The young men of those days were as eager to win the fairest maid possible by bidding as men of a later age were to win them by brave deeds or pleadings. As a result fortunes were in the hands of the auctioneer by the time the homely girls were reached. This fortune was then divided up and the auctioneering took a new life. The homeliest girl was given the largest part of the money collected from beauty and many a poor man found himself with a very homely wife but a comfortable start in business. The system at least did away with old maids and bachelors and insured a steady growth of population and few dependents on the state.

When Diners Ate Their Plates.

The word fritter, which with cooler weather will become popular once more, originates from an old French word meaning to fry, which comes from the Latin past participle of the verb frigere, frictus.

Similarly, fricassee takes its name from the same Latin verb or from the French "fricasser," meaning to break into pieces, or, as some experts believe, from the Latin "fricare," to rub. Any meat fried in a pan is fricasseed, according to French culinary definition.

Another word of French and Latin birth is tart. Tart is a culinary corruption of the word "torture" (French), derived from "tartine," a slice of bread. This comes from the Latin "torqueo," to twist, hence the word "torta" means a twist or roll of bread.

In the middle ages there was a deficiency in plates, and so, for a substitute, an undercrust of bread served as a plate. For a long time in France this undercrust of the "tourte," or "tarte," was the most common of plates. After everything had been served diners ate even their "plates."

In time these dinner plates, made of dinner rolls, came to be prepared specially and developed into a cake-like batter, which was filled with dainty food. And so they were called tarts and tartlettes, and were served as a distinct dish.—Gas Logic.

Stradivarius Violins.

Stradivarius was born in 1644 and died in 1737. He worked until he was over 90 years of age and turned out a large number of violins and violoncellos. Altogether it has been estimated that about one thousand violins are attributed to him and about three hundred other instruments, among them different kinds of viols, some bass viols and also some lutes, guitars and mandolins, very exquisitely wrought. Eugene Ysaie and Jan Kubelik are both the owners of genuine Stradivarius violins. The label in a genuine instrument is supposed to have been made of paper.

Two Views.

"We'll never get rich if you keep on spending all I make."

"That's true, and we'll never get rich if you don't hustle a bit and try to make a little more than I can spend."

A Straight Tip.

"I have something I have to ask you—something—very—very—close to my heart, and—er—er—I think I can guess what it is!" "Ah, you have divined! You know—you—er—" "Yes, you want to ask me where I put your hat when you came in!"

Daily Thought.

The only competition worthy of a wise man is with himself.—Mrs. James.

MISS LIEUTENANT NOW HERE

Assimilated Rank Won for Members of Army Nurse Corps After Long Fight.

There will be female officers in the American army hereafter. The army nurse has won her right for recognition.

Sailed carefully away in a safe corner of new reorganization legislation as passed by both branches of congress is a neat little section conferring the "assimilated rank" of major, captain, and first and second lieutenants on members of the Army Nurse corps. The superintendent is to have the rank of major, the assistant superintendent, director and assistant directors the rank of captain, the chief nurses the rank of first lieutenant, and other nurses are to be second lieutenants.

Officially speaking, a person holding assimilated rank is one who exercises limited authority of that rank under certain conditions, but does not enjoy the full privileges of the rank. It lacks several of the elements of absolute rank. It does not call for a commission and it does not carry the pay, allowances or the emoluments of one. It makes no attempt to confer the power of command incident to a line officer of similar grade. The only incidents of absolute rank conferred are:

1. The dignity incident to the name of the rank.
2. The right to wear the insignia thereof.

3. The eligibility to exercise authority within the limits set forth in the law, which are as follows: "As regards medical and sanitary matters and all work in the line of their duties, they shall have and shall be regarded as having authority in and about military hospitals next after the medical officers of the army."

The movement for rank for army nurses began with America's entry into the great war. A series of hearings on the proposition were held before the house committee on military affairs on April 16, April 20 and June 7, 1918. Nothing immediately resulted, but the nurses maintained an active bureau in Washington, headed by Mrs. Helen Hay Greeley, a New York lawyer. When the war was ended and army reorganization was plainly imminent, they stepped in and won.

More than 10,000 army nurses saw overseas service during the war. All were graduate nurses recruited largely through the American Red Cross nursing service. Army nurses were among the first to represent America on the other side.

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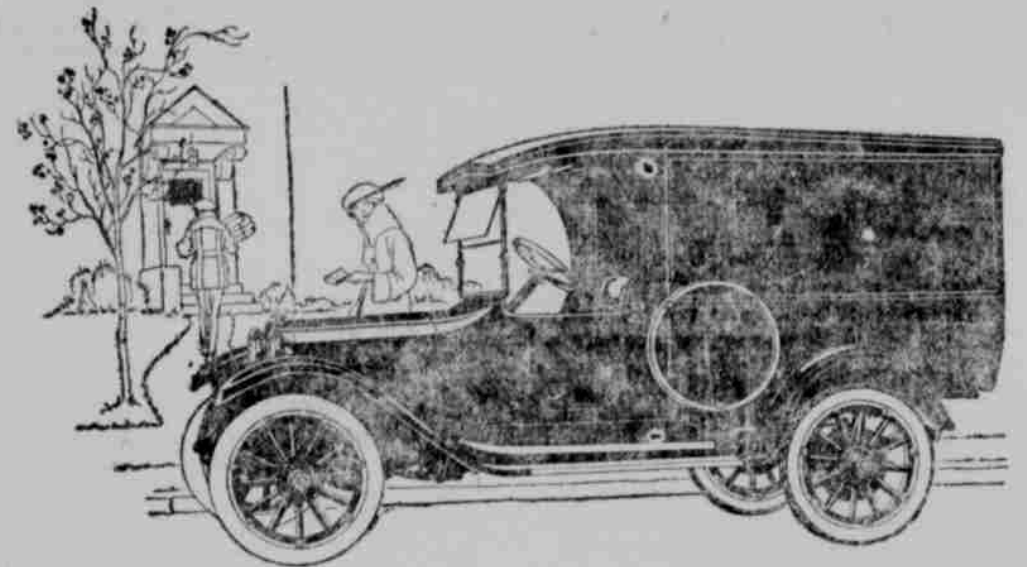
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